

Regarding the recent question of FCC allowing a single company or organization to own & / or control more than 2 or 3 radio stations (&/or t.v. stations) in an area (&/or several in all within US) - I firmly would decide "No". To allow for such would let most stations in an area be of 1 or 2 companies. That would reduce the 'competiton' for audience, reduce listeners' (watchers') choices of what to choose, and very probably pre-empt (or significantly reduce chances of) local companies from getting a local area station, or very possibly dissuade local companies from even attempting to compete anew against the significantly higher-funded 'main' companies on the actually local radio (or TV) stations. This would also be likely to result in 'piped in' programming from some far city (such as from NYC) for many or all of a companies' owned stations (preclude-ing the "local people's interests & most or all info of local matters/hazards) with no one other than (maybe) a studio engineer at the local ph. # to contact, if a local # is published or offered by the owning co..). As it is already, there are some companies which own more than 1 station (radio) & tend to let the on air people 'talk over' start or/& ends of songs played, not announce many of the songs, or do other nuisance practices. If the planned change were to take effect, the companies would probably become even less concerned about the audiences. Several radio station monopolies could develop in U.S.. Also the change would block many local individuals who want to work at nearby stations from applying (and starting their "careers" locally). Another related problem - the "Clear Channel" stations were developed many many years ago largely as a service to farmers / ranchers (& probably also truck drivers) so they can still get info., news. (& some entertainment maybe) late into the night after most other stations have ended the days' broadcast, and probably as a means of relaying emergency sort of info during that time. Now "Clear Channel Station" seems to be used as a large companies' title! 2 years later is far too long after a final decision for a serious (& politically neutral) objective review / re-consideration of the situation this plan might turn into. Important added note; I am related to someone who started T.V. dance shows in Chicago long ago & then spent many years in radio / T.V. industry (most in NYC area), so I'm maybe more concerned about this, familiar with the commercial radio industry & aware of what a problem this plan truly could result in. So, please re-consider & decide against this idea. Thank you